

and Private Sector.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### FEMA REGIONAL OFFICES RESOURCES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Strong FEMA Regional Offices: An Examination of Resources and Responsibilities.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of FEMA, Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Associate Administrator; and Tony Russell, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 6; Brock Long, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Alabama; and a public witness.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4842, Homeland Security Science and Technology Authorization Act of 2010.

#### DEMOCRACY RESTORATION ACT OF 2009

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 3335, Democracy Restoration Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FISHERMEN’S CATCH SHARES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Catch Shares as a Management Option: Criteria for Ensuring Success. Testimony was heard from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE SECURITY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Federal Employee Workplace Security.” Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Steven Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, IRS, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Sue Armstrong, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Protection; and Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Guy Cottrell, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled, “U.S. Aid to Pakistan (Part II): Planning and Accountability.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Daniel Feldman, Deputy to the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and James A. Bever, Director, Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force, and Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

#### RARE EARTH MINERALS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Rare Earth Minerals and 21st Century Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### SCIENCE-TECH-ENGINEERING-MATH EDUCATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Broadening Participation in STEM. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE’S 2009 REPORT—PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY TAXPAYERS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the National Taxpayer Advocate’s 2009 Report to Congress on the most serious problems encountered by taxpayers. Testimony was heard from Nina E. Olson, Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate.

#### NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program/National Reconnaissance Organization Budget for FY 2011. Testimony was heard from GEN. Bruce Carlson, USAF, (ret.), Director, National Reconnaissance Organization.

#### BLACK CARBON POLLUTION

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “Clearing the Smoke: Understanding the Impacts of Black Carbon Pollution.” Testimony was heard from Drew Shindell, Senior Scientist, NASA; and public witnesses.